

March 1, 1972

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA     )  
COUNTY OF RICHLAND            )     BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE  
  )     COMMISSION

IN RE: The application of Turner Trucking     )  
Company, P. O. Box 1827, Spartan-     )  
burg, South Carolina, to amend its     )  
Class E Certificate of Public Con-     )  
venience and Necessity No. 30 D,     )  
by adding Greenville County and     )  
points and places in South Carolina     )  
to the COMMODITIES IN GENERAL     )  
portion and further amended Class     )  
E Certificate of Public Convenience     )  
and Necessity No. 30 D, by adding     )  
to the COMMODITIES IN GENERAL     )  
portion all of the counties in South     )  
Carolina except Cherokee, Green-     )  
ville, Laurens, Spartanburg and     )  
Union Counties, so that after amend-     )  
ment the COMMODITIES IN GENERAL     )  
portion of Class E Certificate of     )  
Public Convenience and Necessity No.     )  
30 D will read: COMMODITIES IN     )  
GENERAL (WITH EXCEPTIONS):     )  
Between points and places in Green-     )  
ville and Spartanburg Counties and     )  
between points and places in these     )  
counties and points and places in     )  
South Carolina.     )

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After proper advertisement and notice to all interested parties of record, the application as noted above was heard before the Commission at Columbia, S. C., on January 27, 1972.

The Commission noted that Southeastern Freight Lines, Overnite Transportation Company, Pool Freight Line, Inc., Fuller Transportation, Inc., Huckabee Hound, Inc., and Eastern Motor Lines, Inc. were appearing as protestants of the application as filed and would offer evidence in opposition to the application.

Applicant in presenting its evidence stated that Turner Trucking Company is a Corporation organized under the Laws of the State of South Carolina and had continually operated for a number of years as a common carrier. This company is owned in its entirety by Reeves Brothers, a textile manufacturing firm and handles most of Reeves' transportation requirements in Turner's authorized area. The business originating from Reeves is less than fifty (50%) per cent of Turner's total volume.

Turner is presently authorized to serve under its COMMODITIES IN GENERAL authority between points and places in Spartanburg County and points and places in Cherokee, Greenville, Laurens, Spartanburg and Union Counties. Under a separate COMMODITIES IN GENERAL Certificate, Turner holds authority between points and places in Lee County, and between points and places in Lee County and points and places in South Carolina.

Within the area as authorized by the Commission, Turner serves approximately fifty small communities each day. Applicant Turner interchanges freight on an interstate and intrastate basis with possibly forty carriers. Applicant Turner believes that the interchange arrangement is unsatisfactory for its intrastate customers because of delays, damage and loss of shipments. Applicant Turner indicated that approximately fifty customers had requested that they apply to the Public Service Commission to broaden its intrastate authority. Turner testified there was a need for the service and that the public convenience and necessity would be served by the granting of the additional authority.

Richard L. Bailey of Screenprints, Inc. testified in support of the application. His plant is presently being served by Overnite Transportation Company from its Shelby, North Carolina terminal but was not aware of the other carriers who had authority to serve his plant. Mr. Bailey was generally satisfied with the service but did complain of the delay in service on several occasions.

J. W. Knight of Southern Agricultural Chemicals, Inc., Lyman, South Carolina, testified in support of the application. He stated that approval of the amended application would benefit his company. About one of every four of his customers reside in Greenville and Spartanburg Counties with about ninety per cent of his company's shipments being handled with his own equipment. The service as rendered by Turner had satisfactorily met his needs.

T. W. Cox, Jr., Woodruff, South Carolina, stated that he had used Turner on previous occasions and would recommend their service. Mr. Cox also stated that he had been out of business since August, 1970.

Protestants Overnite, Southeastern, Pool, Fuller, Huckabee-Hound and Eastern all testified that they had necessary authority to serve whole area as applied for except Pool, whose records indicate that they have authority to serve a great portion of requested area.

All protestants testified that they had sufficient terminal space and vehicles available to render necessary services to the shippers who testified as well as to the shipping public. All protestants testified that they were ready, willing and able to serve the needs of the shippers in the area sought by applicant.

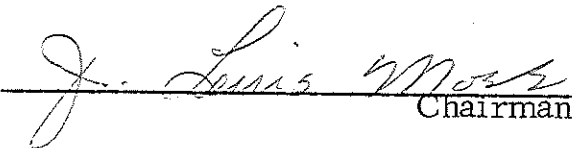
The Commission finds that the evidence as presented by the applicant does not establish that the public convenience and necessity require the proposed service. Statements by applicant that many customers requested that the applicant seek additional authority are not convincing when only three witnesses appear in support of the application. Of these three, one is no longer in business and has no freight to tender to any carrier. Another testified that ninety per cent of his freight moved on his own equipment and only items that he cannot ship by his own vehicles are tendered to authorized carriers. This type of shipment is usually of an emergency nature and very infrequent. The record notes that approximately fifty shippers filed with the Commission letters that stated that their shipping needs would be served if additional authority was granted. The Commission accepted the letters as filed with the understanding that they would be used as information only.

It is therefore concluded that the approval of the application as filed and heard by the Commission will not be consistent with the public interest nor does the public convenience and necessity require the service proposed.

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the application to amend  
Class E Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 30 D  
be and the same is hereby denied.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Director - Administrative Services

RMB:NH

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